



2012 SECTOR FOCUS

Democracy & Good Governance

ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE SUPPORT – The Governance and Economic Management Support Program (GEMS) follows up on the success of GEMAP to assist the government of Liberia to improve public administration by working with targeted ministries and agencies to improve financial management and policy implementation across key ministries and state-owned enterprises, strengthen the Liberian Institute of Public Administration to provide high-caliber, in-country training for Liberia's civil servants, and reform concessions management.

RULE OF LAW SUPPORT – In continued support to the PRS Governance and Rule of Law Pillar, USAID is working with the Ministry of Justice, the Judicial Institute, and the Law School of the University of Liberia. Additionally, USAID support LiberLii, an online library of Liberian law. Through the Support for a Culture of Human Rights in Liberia and Establishment of a Liberian Judicial Training Institute projects, USAID is helping to ensure the continued growth of Liberia's judicial systems.

CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT – USAID support to civil society and the media has the goal of strengthening civil society organizations (CSOs) and print and radio media in Liberia to increase civic participation in public affairs. This is accomplished by building the capacity of CSOs and the media sector to provide avenues of participation and information sharing in seven targeted counties.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT - The Rural Women's Leadership and Economic Empowerment is a Global Development Alliance project that works to empower rural women in Liberia through leadership capacity enhancement, network strengthening, and economic empowerment.

LEGISLATIVE STRENGTHENING – By strengthening the capacity of legislators and legislative staff in oversight, budgeting, and research USAID supports the development and strengthening of the Liberian legislature as a co-equal branch of government.

LAND RIGHTS SUPPORT – The Land Conflict Resolution Program focuses on promoting alternative dispute resolution and civic engagement with local leaders in two of Liberia's most conflict-prone counties: Lofa and Nimba counties.

Elections Support - The Building Sustainable Elections Management in Liberia program seeks to build upon the democratic progress made thus far and aims to increase the capacity of the NEC to efficiently, effectively, impartially, and sustainably manage elections in the coming years.